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POLITICAL ARENA FEVERISH

Burton Hobnobbing With New York Old Guard in Effort to Win Support.

condition of feverish activity and anxiety is beginning to make itself manifest in the political arena.

The Republican convention is but tree weeks away. Candidates and politicians are uncertain and excited. It looks like anybody's fight, and rumors and facts are filling the air as another

In the parlance of baseball, here are some of the "biffers of the day" in ig league politics today:

Former Senator Depew, who will be a delegate at Chicago, says the "favorite sons" have a majority of the convention now, but probably will not be able to hold it beyond a few ballots. He says the Republicans should

The New York Old Guard chiefs are split on the question of nominating Justice Hughes, according to advices from Gotham today. There may be two Old Guard factions at Chicago, one working for Justice Hughes and the other op-

sort.
Two hundred Americans now sojourning at Tampico, Mex., have sent a cable message to Guy Emerson, of the Roosevelt Non-Partisan League, expressing approval of the Roosevelt movement. The temporary Tampicoites are sending funds to boost along the Roosevelt candidate. candidacy.
Former Senator Burton, of Ohio, has been hobnobbing with Old Guard leaders in New York State.

Looks With Favor On Burton. The Old Guard looks upon Mr. Burton with considerable favor, but it has not revealed what headway he made in

New York.

It is understood Burton and his managers are trying to persuade New York to turn to the Ohioan as soon as the candidacy of Mr. Hoot begins to lag—if it does lag—at Chicago.

With the backing of New York, Mr. Burton would become a formidable factor in the convention.

There are indications that the "favorite sons" are about to form a defensive alliance to prevent a stampede in the convention either to Roosevelt or Hughes.

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Managers for the several "favorite son" booms have been in conference with a view of holding the lines intact, the argument being that any one of the favorites is likely to be benefited if a convention siampede is avoided.

In other words, the "favorite sons" being practical men, are inclined to stand together against dark horse candidates. The forces of Burton, Sherman, Weeks, Fairbanks and Cummins are believed to be forming a defensive alliance of this kind.

Regarding the split in the Old Guard regarding Justice Hughes, the New York Press makes the following comment today:

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ment today:

"The attitude of Barnes toward Hughes is understood to be that in a pinoh Hughes is preferable to Roosevelt, but that both are objectionable, one only slightly less so than the other; neither to be nominated when the party can take its pick of Elihu Root, Theodore E. Burton, Samuel W. McCall, and others. Barnes does not hold the view that the Republicans have to name Hughes in order to beat Woodrow Wilson.

"Former Senator Crane, on the other hand, is said to think of Hughes as an avenue of escape from Roosevelt. Crane favored Hughes for President back in 1905, when Taft was nominated. "When is was a case of "stopping" Roosevelt the Old Guard dressed ranks and stood like a stone wall barring the road. Not even an invitation by 'big business,' as represented in the Gary dinner conference of last winter, to forget 1912 and rally around the colonel as the candidate of a reunited party was able to shake the decision of the Old Guard leaders.

T. R. Peril Ended.

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a possible Roosevelt stampede in the Republican national convention first were aroused the Old Guard leaders have been working as a unit, until quite recently. The break in their ranks did not come until the peril of a Roosevelt stampede seemed definitely averted.

"To the friends of Justice Hughes, the adhesion of an element of the Old Guard is merely a recognition by political experts of the Justice's superior availability which they regard as obvious. It is also a compliment to the strength of the Huhges movement, they say, that among the Old Guard leaders who oppose Hughes the fear of a Hughes stampede in Chicago seems to have displaced the fear previously held of an attempt to stampede the convention for Roosevelt."



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"FAVORITE SONS" Trade Boosters Back From Successful Trip

CHICAGO STAMPEDE Retail Merchants on River Outing Have Much Fun and Advertise Shopping Facilities of the National Capital.

One of the most successful events in the history of the Washington Retail Merchants Association was brought to a close at 5 o'clock this morning when the steamer Three Rivers docked at the Seventh street wharf and landed more than 190 members, who were returning from the fourth annual outing and trade boosting trip of the organization.

The outing, which began with a spectacular automobile parade through the streets of Washington Saturday afternoon, included a trip to Baltimere on a special reain on the Pennsylvania railroad, a journey through that city on special electric cars, and a trip by water from Baltimore to Washington, with stops at the various down-the river towns of Virginia and Maryland.

From the time the boosters left Washington, Saturday afternoon, until their arrival here this morning, there was a continuous round of fun making. Chairman Henry Lansburgh and Secretary Charles J. Columbus, who arranged the outing, had overlooked no detail that might contribute to the comfort and The outing, which began with a spectar large was a continuous program and control of the company to the company

This was by no means all the music, however. There were two victrolas, furnished by E. H. Droop & Song Company, and no end of records, ranging all the way from "comics" to grand opera. There also was a player-plano, contributed by O. J. DeMoll & Co., which was put to good use. It developed that a number of planists were on board, and all of them did their "stunts."

All voted that the star performer at the keys was "Uncle" Julius Lansburgh who recled off such sweet, old melodies as "Believe Me If All Those Endearing loung Charms." "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia," etc. There were vocai artists on board, too, and a number of solos, and a varied assortment of songs were given by the Imperial Quartet, consisting of Earl Carbaugh, James K. Young, Newton T. Hammer, and J. E. S. Kinsella.

There was a "movie" show by H. T.

at hand, according to Samuel Hill, associated with his father-in-law, James J. Hill, in railway enterprises, who arrived early today from Liverpool on the liner Philadelphia.

Hill made a record trip abroad. He was only seven days ashore, but in that time he traveled from Liverpool to London, across the Channel to Havre; to the headquarters of King Albert of Belgium, and back again. He had a long talk with King Albert and got, a glimpse of the front near Dunkirk.

"Germany cannot struggle against the overwhelming financial strain and the economic conditions since the war," he said, explaining why he believed peace would soon come. "There will not be another winter campaign, and peace will come just as, suddenly as the war broke out."

Hill said he made his flying trip to get certain information the nature of which was not disclosed.

Peace Near at Hand MARBURG TO RETURN Says Samuel Hill

Baltimore Man Maimed in Allies' Cause Will Go Back After Honeymoon.

expects to see no more of Baltin until the European struggle is ended. He will see his mother and father, however, before he returns again to the fighting on the British front. Yesterday, with his bride, who was

formerly the Baroness Geselle de Va-vario, of Belgium, Lieutenant Marburg started on a short Western trip. He will go to Mt. Clemens, Mich., and in about ten days will return East for a about ten days will return East for a brief visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Marburg, sr., at Lake Mohonk, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Marburg and their children will leave today for Lake Mohonk for a stay of three weeks, after which they will go to Chester, Nova Scotia, to remain until October.

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One of Lieutenant Marburg's reasons for coming home, besides wanting a rest after his long siege of monotonous hospital life in France, and beside wanting his bride to see and be seen wanting his bride to see and be seen by his own countrymen, was to get an artificial leg to replace the left leg, amputated as a result of a fall from his aeroplane. He wanted an American-made cork leg. He will go back without it, still walking with the aid of crutches.

Another operation must be performed before the wound caused by the amputation heals, and until it is healed there will be no cork leg. In the meantime Lieutenant Marburg will still be onduty with the Royal British flying corps.

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He came home merely on furlough, and since he arrived on April 24 orders have come to return as soon as possible. His superior officers are no more anxious to get him back than he is to go, though he dreads any further surgical operation. His mother hoped at first that he would be given an indefinite furlough, or that he would be discharged because of incapacity, but she is now apparently resigned to his returning to the front.

His bride will go back with him to Europe when they have finished their Western trip.

Stamp Collectors to **Have Convention Here**

Former Washingtonian Dies at Hastings, N. Y.

Major Robert M. Moore, a former resistent of Washington, died suddenly on Saturday at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. L. D. Van Aken, Hastings-on-the-liudson, in the sixty-ninth year of his age. He was a veteran of the Spanish-American war, and was at one time a member of the contracting firm of Moore, Little & Stone, who built the Brightwood and other sewer systems of

In Collision With Ship

The submarine K-2 collided with the steamer Aragon, fourteen miles north of Cape Delaware, slightly injuring her bow cap, the Navy Department announced today, Damage to the steamer is unknown. The K-2 has arrived at the New York navy yard.

Brightwood and other sewer systems of this city.

Besides his wife and Mrs. Van Aken he is survived by the following children: Mrs. William Biehl, of San Francisco: Mrs. William Biehl,

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